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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS - ARCHIPELAGOES

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1. DURING CALL ON JEANNEL REPORTED REFTEL, OXMAN INQUIRED IF GOF WAS WORKING ON CRITERIA TO DISTINGUISH ITS ARCHIPELAGO PROBLEM FROM SITUATION SUCH AS GREECE. JEANNEL SAID MATTER WAS RAISED AGAIN AFTER G-5 MEETING AND IS BEING STUDIED. HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DISQUIET ABOUT THE ULTIMATE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT U.S. APPROACH TO DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGOS BASED NOT ON PRINCIPLE BUT ON "ARBITRARY" IDENTIFICATION OF WHICH STATES DO OR DO NOT QUALIFY, BUT SAID IF "THEY" (PRESUMABLY OTHER MINISTRIES) WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH DEVISING PRECISE CRITERIA TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM, HE WOULD NOT OBJECT.

2. JEANNEL SAID SOLVING ARCHIPELAGO PROBLEM IS RELATED TO ISSUES IN ARTICLE 136 (DEPENDENCIES). WE NOTED THAT G-5 HAD AGREED TO SEEK ITS DELETION. JEANNEL REPLIED THAT WE MUST KNOW THE PROBABLE OUTCOME ON 136 "TO BE SURE" (PRESUMABLY TO BE SURE OF WHAT FRANCE CAN DO SAFELY ON THE ARCHIPELAGO POINT).

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3. COMMENT: REMARKS PARA 2 ARE CURIOUS. JEANNEL

MAY BE MAKING OBVIOUS POINT THAT IF FRENCH CONCERNS
ARE NARROWLY ACCOMMODATED IN DEFINITION, LDC'S WILL
NOTICE THIS, AND UNDERLYING POLITICAL ISSUE WILL BE
SIMILAR TO ARTICLE 136.
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